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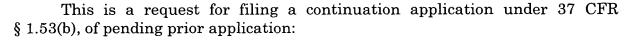
#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

# REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

### Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



Serial No. 09/925,405 Filed on August 10, 2001 Of Nobuyasu KANEKAWA et al.

Entitled: HEATING DEVICE AND ENGINE DRIVE METHOD

Examiner: M. McMahon

Group: 3747

X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 50, plus cover page

- X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 10 sheets, depicting Figures 1-15.
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
  - a. \_ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  $\underline{X}$  Copy from prior application
    - i. \_ Deletion of Inventors signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

\_\_\_\_ 5. Cancel original claims \_\_\_\_.





- 6. Small entity status:
  - a. \_ Is still proper and desired.
  - b. \_ Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

## Claims as Filed, Including Any Claims Cancelled or Added by Preliminary Amendment

Basic Fee							\$375/750	=	\$750.00
Total Claims	18	-	20	]=[	0	x	\$9/18	Ш	\$
Independent Claims	18	-	3	=	15	X	\$42/84	=	\$1260.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented \$140/280 =									\$
Total Filing Fee									\$2010.00

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Please charge the deposit account of undersigned, No. 05-1323, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ (Docket #\_\_\_\_).
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$2010.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50305C1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/925,405, filed August 10, 2001.--
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 2001-007243, filed in Japan on January 16, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/925,405 on August 10, 2001.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd..
- $\underline{X}$  15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169; and Richard R. Diefendorf, Reg. No. 32,390.

X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

- \_\_ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- \_\_\_ 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

August 7, 2003

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